

DEFENSE

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and the REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM**

Signed at Bridgetown November 16, 2018



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM

Defense

Agreement signed at Bridgetown

November 16, 2018;

Entered into force November 16, 2018.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE REGIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM
ON END USE, RETRANSFER, AND SECURITY ASSURANCES

The Government of the United States of America and the Regional Security System (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"),

Acknowledging that there is a common set of security challenges in the Caribbean that the Parties have a vested interest in addressing; and

Desiring to support a regional approach to security challenges through an international agreement which allows the Parties to collaborate with countries in the region to develop regional approaches to maritime maintenance,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITION

As used in this Agreement, grants under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, or successor legislation; the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; and Department of Defense Authorities; and the furnishing on a grant basis of defense articles, related training, and other defense services, from the Government of the United States of America to the Regional Security System under such authorities, shall hereinafter be referred to as "such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services".

ARTICLE II

USE AND TRANSFER

Unless the written consent of the Government of the United States of America has been first obtained, the Regional Security System shall not:

- (1). Permit any use of such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services by anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of the Regional Security System;
- (2). Transfer, or permit any officer, employee, or agent of the Regional Security System to transfer such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services by gift, sale or otherwise; or
- (3). Use, or permit the use of, such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services for purposes other than those for which furnished.

ARTICLE III

RETURN

B. Such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services shall be returned to the Government of the United States of America when they are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were furnished, unless the Government of the United States of America consents to another disposition.

ARTICLE IV

PROCEEDS OF SALE

C. The net proceeds of sale received by the Regional Security System in disposing of, with prior written consent of the Government of the United States of America, any such defense article furnished by the Government of the United States of America on a grant basis, including scrap from any such defense article, shall be paid to the Government of the United States of America;

ARTICLE V

SECURITY

D. The Regional Security System shall maintain the security of such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services; that it shall provide substantially the same degree of security protection as that afforded to such defense articles, related training, including training materials, or other defense services by the Government of the United States of America; and that it shall, as the Government of the United States of America may require, permit continuous observation, scheduled inspection, physical inventories, and review by, and furnish necessary information to, representatives of the Government of the United States of America with regard to the use thereof by the Regional Security System;

ARTICLE VI

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

E. The Government of the United States of America may, from time to time, make the provision of articles or services furnished under other authority subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Bridgetown, this 16th day of November, 2018, in duplicate, in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA:

Luisa S. Sagor
U.S. Ambassador

FOR THE REGIONAL
SECURITY SYSTEM:

OR Shunda Cyprian
Executive Director